



**EDUCATIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN PRINCETON RESCUE SQUAD
&
CONCORD UNIVERSITY**

This AGREEMENT by and between Princeton Rescue Squad, hereinafter referred to as the Sponsor, and Concord University, hereinafter referred to as the Institution.

WHEREAS, the Sponsor and the Institution have agreed to jointly participate in an academic pathway in which Paramedic Program Graduates of the Sponsor may acquire academic credits for his/her coursework through the Institution.

THEREFORE, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. The term of this agreement shall commence when the Sponsor provides written proof to the Institution of accreditation through the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) AND, at a minimum, a Letter of Review (LoR) has been issued to the Sponsor by the Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) indicating that an Executive Analysis has confirmed satisfactory progress has been made toward substantial compliance with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).
2. This agreement will remain in effect as long as the Sponsor continues to remain in compliance with standards to maintain accreditation through ACCET AND/OR CoAEMSP/CAAHEP.
3. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving written notice to the other party at least thirty (30) days in advance of the intended termination date. Upon termination of this Agreement, it is understood that its term shall survive only with respect to the students enrolled at the time of termination.
4. This agreement may be modified or amended by mutual written agreement.
5. Unless otherwise provided by additional attachment to this contract, no other monetary consideration or remuneration will be paid by either party except as stated previously.
6. This agreement and the implementation thereof shall be in accordance with all of the nondiscriminatory principles and regulations of the federal government as administered by the Office of Equal Opportunity.
7. Each party shall perform all of the services hereunder in accordance with any and all regulatory and accreditation standards applicable to the Sponsor and Institution, including but not limited to: ACCET, CAAHEP, CoAEMSP, and the center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) condition of participation and any amendments thereto.
8. Each party agrees to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C 1232G; 23 CFR Part 99) which is Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an application program of the U.S. Department of Education.

The Sponsor agrees to:

1. Maintain standards recommended in the Rules of Regulations of ACCET, CAAHEP, CoAEMSP, and the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services.
2. Provide enrollment and admission policies and practices that are consistent with statutory, regulatory, and accreditation requirements.
3. Develop and provide a Paramedic Program curriculum in a coherent sequence of structured classroom instruction in academic content that is combined with appropriate laboratory, simulation, and field internship experiences compliant with the competencies mandated by regulating bodies such as, but not limited to, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.
4. Ensure continuity of performance measurements, attendance policies, and student progress consistent with institutionally established performance outcomes that are communicated to all students and follow all statutory, regulatory, and accreditation requirements.
5. Meet with the Educational Advisory Board, comprised of appropriate stakeholders, to ensure institutional and programmatic effectiveness through a comprehensive review of course content and required competencies, learning resources and facilities, and course goals and objectives on an annual basis utilizing feedback from relevant constituencies and job placement rates.
6. Be solely responsible for the selection and employment of qualified professional allied health faculty who shall be responsible for developing, organizing and directing student learning activities in the classroom, laboratory, and clinical areas. All employment paperwork must be completed and returned to the Sponsor prior to the start of any classes.
7. Remunerate full-time and/or adjunct faculty at the current rate of pay as set forth by the Sponsor.
8. Maintain all records in an accurate, orderly and up-to-date manner.
9. Retain and make available academic transcripts on each student currently enrolled in or those having graduated from the Paramedic Program with respect to FERPA guidelines.
10. Inform and provide all necessary documentation of significant changes in course content or other circumstances that could affect the awarding of credits under the terms of the articulation agreement to the institution in a timely manner.
11. Inform in writing, any changes to the Sponsor's accreditation status through ACCET, CoAEMSP, and/or CAAHEP in a timely manner.
12. Complete advising meeting(s) with students to promote the Institution's commitment to providing academic pathways to earn college credits and potential degree options for those that qualify.
13. Agrees to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as codified at 42 U.S.C. & 132d "HIPAA" and any current and future regulations promulgated there under including without limitation the federal privacy regulations contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 1160 and 164 the "Federal Privacy Regulations", the federal security standards contained in 45 C.F.R. Part 142 "Federal Security Regulations", and the federal standards for electronic transactions contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 162, all collectively referred to herein as "HIPAA Requirements". The Sponsor agrees not to use or further disclose any Protected Health Information as defined in 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501 or Individually Identifiable Health Information as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1320d, other than as permitted by HIPAA Requirements and the terms of this Agreement. The Sponsor will make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to the extent required for determining compliance with the Federal Privacy Regulations.

